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Chairman Kevin Martin  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Room #8B-201  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Internet Access for our Community

Chairman Martin:

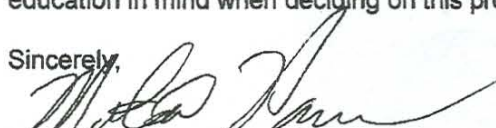
As a legislator, I have a long list of priorities that are critical to my community. Among them are certainly the success of our small businesses and the education opportunities we provide to our school children. Access to the Internet is a necessary tool for both in order to utilize the newest and most up-to-date tools and I believe it is a disservice for anyone to be denied because of financial hardship or geography.

Small business owners need the Internet for an array of daily activities, including marketing. The Internet is especially valuable to companies like retailers. Those who are unable to get Internet access will be forced to forego valuable opportunities and possibly large amounts of revenue. We need to maintain our economic security and strength. Our country cannot afford to lose many more of its entrepreneurs.

As far as education is concerned, no one can argue with the trend of our ever-increasing dependence on technology. Every student deserves to have a learning experience that will benefit him or her through adult life; using the Internet is a building block for higher learning and a well-rounded future.

I have recently become aware of a proposal that would allow small and independent businesses to participate more fully in the world of e-commerce and benefit schools nationwide. A new company has proposed to offer free, universal wireless broadband service. I hope your commission will keep communities' needs for small businesses and education in mind when deciding on this proposal.

Sincerely,



CC: FCC Commissioners: Copps, Adelstein, Tate, McDowell  
FCC Secretary Marlene Dortch  
Fred Campbell, Chief, Wireless Bureau  
Senator Lamar Alexander  
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